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More than 100 people participated in a candlelight vigil on Aug. 26 to show their support for maintaining services at Mount Zion Medical Center.

UCSF officials respond to concerns at legislative hearing

BY LISA CISNEROS

Chancellor Mike Bishop and Lee Goldman, recently appointed acting vice chancellor for medical affairs, appeared last Thursday at the state legislative hearing to answer questions about UCSF Stanford Health Care's fiscal troubles.

By virtue of their UCSF positions, both men also are members of the UCSF Stanford board of directors.

"It is imperative for me and my colleagues at UCSF and Stanford that the hospitals of the merger thrive," Bishop said. "They are essential to our missions of education, discovery, health care and public service. They are part of our academic family and we care greatly about them. It follows that we are eager to work with public officials such as yourselves to assure the survival and health of our hospitals."

Senator Jackie Speier, D-San Francisco/San Mateo, who chaired the hearing of the state Senate Committee on Government Oversight, said she would support a legislative solution to fix the ailing health care system if the plan includes saving Mount Zion Medical Center. At the end of the hearing, however, legislators did not say what their next step would be.

David Hunter, head of the Florida-based hospital management firm the Hunter Group, also testified before legislators. Hunter, interim chief executive officer of UCSF Stanford, said the 22-month-old merger should be given a chance. "We will be able to return to profitability in a reasonable timeframe," he said.

In other developments:

- Four state legislators, including Speier, who introduced a bill to make UCSF Stanford subject to state open records and meetings laws, have agreed to postpone action on the measure until next year.
- UCSF Stanford announced last month that it lost $10.1 million in July, mostly due to patients spending fewer days in the hospital.
- A state audit report said that although UCSF Stanford has failed to fully integrate medical services to the degree anticipated, the organization could turn a profit within two years if it succeeds in implementing a financial recovery and performance improvement plan.

UCSF Stanford attributes most of its $66 million operating deficit this fiscal year to losses incurred at Mount Zion. To balance its $1.5 billion budget, UCSF Stanford had considered closing the emergency department and inpatient units at the 113-year-old hospital located in the Western Addition. The proposals prompted outcries by employees, the public and local officials. More than 100 supporters of Mount Zion gathered outside its emergency department during an Aug. 26 candlelight vigil to raise awareness for preserving services at the embattled hospital.

In response to UCSF Stanford's financial crisis, UC President Richard Atkinson and Stanford University President Gerhard Casper asked their respective staffs to review the organizational structure of the entire merger. Teams led by William Gurtner, systemwide vice president for clinical services development at UC, and Mariann Byerwalter, vice president for business affairs and chief financial officer at Stanford, are expected to complete their review by October 1. The university presidents also asked Haile Debas, dean of the UCSF School of Medicine, who is on sabbatical in Oxford, England, to recommend what to do with Mount Zion. Debas is expected to make that recommendation to the UCSF Stanford board sometime soon.

"As we grapple with these losses — in or out of the merger — we hope we can keep both hospitals open and would love to keep both as close to

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Center gets huge grant to study infertility treatment research

BY LORDELYN P. DEL ROSARIO

The UCSF Center for Health and Community recently received a grant of more than $11 million dollars from the National Institutes of Health to study infertility and the use of Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART).

These technologies, while offering hope to infertile couples, pose difficult dilemmas to patients and providers alike, says Nancy Adler, director of the center and program project director for the grant. Generally not covered by insurance, and having relatively high failure rates, use of ARTs can be problematic. Patients and providers need better information to guide them in deciding whether to initiate use of ART and, following failure, whether to continue.

The grant, one of largest awarded by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development to study infertility, will fund four UCSF studies over a five-year period. The researchers will study how couples decide whether to try ARTs and whether to continue treatment if the initial attempt fails, the psychological effects on the woman and the couple, the economic and social costs of the new technologies, and the medical outcomes for babies that are born as a result of infertility treatments.

For three of the studies, researchers will interview a group of 600 Bay Area couples who have received consultations for ART and will follow their experiences. A fourth study on medical outcomes for babies born after infertility treatment will compare 5,000 births from fertile women with 5,000 births from infertile women.

"The goal of the research will be to help patients make better-informed decisions about whether to initiate treatment and when to stop, to provide physicians with information to give to their patients, to help physicians decide whether patients should be advised to receive treatment, and to inform policy makers about our findings," says Adler, professor of medical psychology in the departments of psychiatry and pediatrics. In addition to Adler, the principal investigators of the studies are Mary Croughan-Minihane, UCSF associate professor of family and community medicine, Susan Millstein, UCSF professor of pediatrics, Lauri Pasch, UCSF assistant research psychologist in pediatrics, and Patricia Katz, UCSF assistant professor of medicine, UCSF Institute for Health Policy Studies.

The UCSF Center for Health and Community is a multidisciplinary center, which assesses the challenges of the changing health care delivery environment and identifies policies and interventions to maximize health.

The Center for Health and Community is comprised of programs and individual faculty from all UCSF Schools who have been at the cutting edge of health services and policy-related research for many years, and includes basic social and behavioral scientists in epidemiology, health policy, anthropology, psychology, sociology, history, bioethics, economics, and clinical research.

Giacomini

Giacomini receives major award

Kathleen M. Giacomini, an expert on how the body absorbs and eliminates drugs and other compounds, has received one of the highest honors in the field of pharmaceutical science: the 1999 Pharmaceutical Scientist of the Year Award given by the International Pharmaceutical Federation.

The award, presented Sept. 6 at the organization's annual meeting in Barcelona, Spain, honors Giacomini for her leading role in the field of drug transporters. The federation recognized both her pioneering research to understand molecular mechanisms in the body and the impact of this research on new techniques to improve drugs and drug delivery.

Giacomini, professor and chair of biopharmaceutical sciences at UCSF, is the first woman to receive the society's high honor. She also serves as professor of pharmaceutical chemistry and cellular and molecular pharmacology at UCSF.

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Boalt Hall grad to head mediation at UCSF

Ellen Beilock will join UCSF as the mediation officer responsible for the administrative oversight of the UCSF mediation program. Marvin Schwartz will continue on as training consultant to provide continuity and consistency in the training of internal campus mediators.

"We are fortunate to have the expertise and dedication of both now working in our community," says Alma Sisco-Smith, director of the Problem Resolution Center.

Beilock, a graduate of Boalt Hall, served as a member of the California Law Review Board of Editors and was in general practice until 1994 when she began a mediation practice for a wide range of workplace issues.

She has been a contract mediator with the County of Alameda, Superior Court (juvenile), provided mediation services for the US Postal Service, the Contra Costa County Trial Courts and the San Francisco and San Mateo Superior Courts. She has been active in the design and development of Alternative Dispute Resolution programs and mediation skill training for the Alameda County Bar and California State Bar Associations.

Schwartz received his law degree from Georgetown University and served as attorney with the US Commission on Civil Rights before actively engaging in a solo mediation practice in 1987. Schwartz has conducted numerous mediations, recently joined the US Postal Office mediator panel and during this past year conducted an outstanding training program for UCSF.

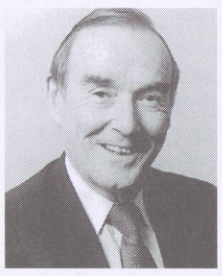
Schecter wins Rapaport Award

William Schecter, chief of the department of surgery at San Francisco General Hospital Medical Center (SFGHMC), was honored as the first recipient of the "Elliot Rapaport Award for Commitment to San Francisco General Hospital Medical Center" at the recent SFGHMC annual medical staff meeting.

Schecter

The award is named for the physician who served as associate dean for the UCSF School of Medicine at SFGHMC from 1985-97 and who has been active in the San Francisco medical community for more than 40 years.

Rapaport is a UCSF professor of medicine and continues to serve today at SFGHMC as an attending cardiologist. He is widely recognized for his leadership in strengthening the SFGHMC/UCSF partnership and for his dedication to patient care, teaching, and research. The award, to be presented annually, honors a physician at SFGHMC who demonstrates a similar commitment in one or more of these areas.



Rapaport

As the 1999 recipient, Schecter was cited in particular for his genuine compassion for patients. He was the unanimous choice of the selection committee. Schecter joined the UCSF faculty in 1980 and has served as chief of the SFGHMC surgery department since 1992.

In 1993 he co-founded a Bay Area program called Operation Access that provides free outpatient surgical services to patients who cannot afford the cost of care. More than 100 surgeons, nurses, and anesthesiologists at area hospitals volunteer their services for the program.

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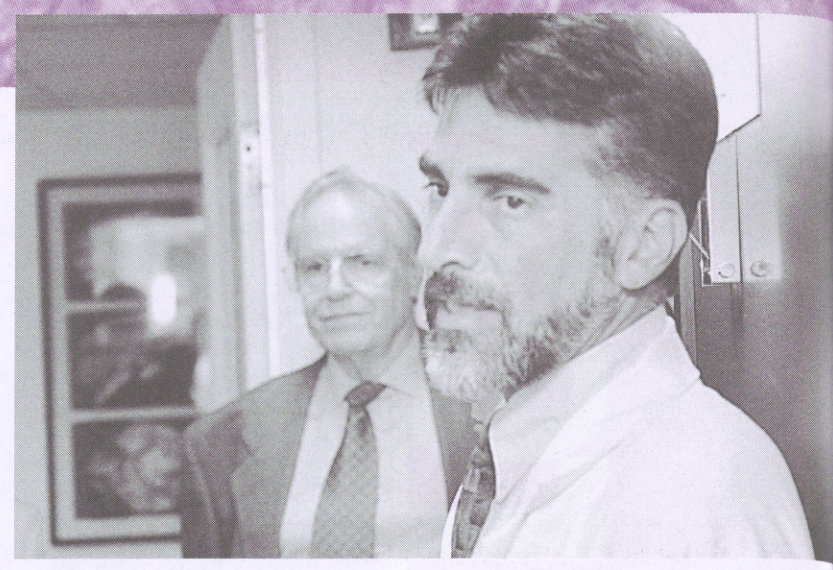


Proctor Foundation Director Todd Margolis greets guests at the opening of the Pearl and Samuel K. Kimura Ocular Immunology Laboratory.

Proctor Foundation dedicates lab to longtime supporters

The Francis I. Proctor Foundation recently celebrated the dedication and opening of the Pearl and Samuel J. Kimura Ocular Immunology Laboratory, the first of its kind at UCSF focusing entirely on ocular immunology.

The lab will become the research hub for ophthalmologist Emmett Cunningham, an assistant professor in the UCSF School of Medicine's department of ophthalmology, and a team of postdocs and research associates.

Cunningham's current laboratory investigations use both in vivo and in vitro techniques with the ultimate goal to develop safer and more effective therapies for patients suffering from inflammatory disorders of the eye.

"This lab will bring to bear the most modern molecular techniques to address important causes of blindness in patients with uveitis," said Cunningham, director of the Uveitis Service.

Uveitis affects about one in 10,000 people and is the third-leading cause of blindness in the developed world.

The lab is named to honor Pearl and the late Samuel J. Kimura, a pioneer of the ophthalmology department who helped establish UCSF as a premier center for the treatment and study of ocular inflammatory and infectious diseases. He worked at UCSF and the Proctor Foundation for some 25 years, teaching and publishing more than 70 peer-reviewed articles in ocular immunology and uveitis, including important work on herpetic eye disease and various forms of endogenous uveitis.

When longtime Proctor ophthalmologist John Whitcher was a resident at UCSF in 1969, Kimura was one of two full-time faculty, and served as vice chair of the fledgling department. "Dr. Kimura was an excellent observer," he recalls. "He was a clinician's clinician, one of those people whose wealth of experience enabled him to make a diagnosis for thousands and thousands of patients. He taught me to pay attention to details, not to take anything at face value, to dig a little deeper and to ask the unusual questions."

Kimura also was a real humanitarian, concerned about the welfare of the world — for social, political and medical reasons, said Whitcher, former director of the Proctor Foundation.

Pearl Kimura, who attended the August 24 dedication ceremony, is honored for her long-time support of eye-related research at UCSF. She has been directly involved in fund raising for UCSF, the ophthalmology department and the Proctor Foundation, contributing both time and money. She also established a chair in her husband's name.

The lab, located at ground level of the Proctor Foundation headquarters at Fifth and Kirkham streets, was entirely renovated by Blake Drucker Architects to house state-of-the-art facilities for histology, molecular biology, microsurgery, tissue culture, microscopy and image analysis, and a study room for students and postdoctoral fellows.

The renovation represents the first complete lab overhaul at the Proctor Foundation since it was founded 51 years ago, thanks to a start-up gift from a donor. Today, the Proctor Foundation receives about 65 percent of its funding from endowments and gifts, 30 percent from research grants and 5 percent in clinical revenues, according to Pat Chapman, management services officer.

Cunningham came to UCSF as a visiting investigator at the Proctor Foundation in 1992. He earned his BA in human biology, MD in medicine and MPH in epidemiology at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland. He earned his PhD in neurosciences at UC San Diego.

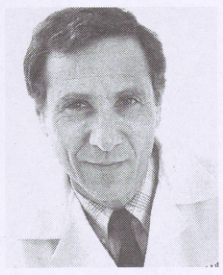
The Proctor Foundation, the largest center in North America dedicated solely to the treatment of ocular infectious and inflammatory diseases, has active research programs in cataract, herpetic and chlamydial infections of the eye, the causes and treatment of AIDS-related eye disease, and the treatment and natural history of uveitis. The foundation has trained more than 200 fellows worldwide. Todd Margolis, professor of ophthalmology, was appointed director of the Proctor Foundation in February.

LISA CISNEROS

Scientists identify first genetic defect leading to adult diabetes

BY WALLACE RAVVEN

Scientists have identified the first genetic defect linked to insulin resistance, a precursor to most of the 15 million cases of adult diabetes in the United States.



Goldfine

The research helps clarify the murky understanding of what causes insulin resistance and diabetes. It identifies a target — the gene's abnormal protein — for potential new drugs to treat both conditions.

The research, published in the September issue of the journal Diabetes, is a collaboration between scientists at UCSF and in Italy.

About 60 million people in the US and a similar number in Europe are insulin resistant, a condition in which the body's insulin cannot efficiently metabolize glucose. Most of these people are not diabetic because the pancreas is able to secrete extra amounts of insulin. But one in four insulin-resistant people — about 15 million Americans — develop adult diabetes when they become unable to maintain normal insulin and glucose levels. Adult, or type 2, diabetes is by far the most common form of the disease.

Several natural proteins have been implicated in insulin resistance, including a protein called PC-1, produced in abnormally high concentrations by many insulin-resistant people. Since it blocks insulin's ability to stimulate cells' use of glucose, PC-1 has been considered a prime suspect in insulin resistance.

In the latest research, the scientists mapped all the instruction-bearing regions of the human PC-1 gene and discovered that a single DNA "letter," or nucleotide, out of more than 2,500, sometimes takes an alternate form. This form — which they called the Q allele — is about three times more common among insulin-resistant people and more than twice as frequent among adult diabetics than in people with normal insulin function, they discovered.

This research marks the first time any gene for the common form of insulin resistance has been completely mapped.

"By zeroing in on the protein coded by this newly discovered variant, along with the more common form of PC-1, drug designers may be able to target a far higher proportion of insulin-resistant people," says Ira Goldfine, professor of medicine and physiology at UCSF and co-author of the paper in Diabetes.

Senior author on the paper and leader of the Italian researchers is Vincenzo Trischitta; lead author is Antonio Pizzuti. Both are scientists in the endocrinology research unit of the Istituto Scientifico Ospedale Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza in San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy.

People who are insulin resistant, but not diabetic, suffer a range of health threats including lowered HDL ("good") cholesterol levels and a greatly increased risk of hypertension and coronary artery disease. Because of its inherent health hazards and its link to diabetes, insulin resistance is known among endocrine researchers as the "secret killer."

Diabetics face a much higher than normal risk of heart disease, kidney failure, leg amputations, blindness and nerve disease. Their condition must be strictly controlled, but current medications are not completely effective. The condition has proven to be a particularly difficult disease to cure in large part because its underlying causes are a shifting mix of many factors.

"While the expression of some diseases like cystic fibrosis are controlled by just one gene, diabetes is likely to be affected by several," Goldfine says. "Moreover, both insulin resistance and the subsequent development of diabetes are moderated by exercise, weight loss and hormone levels. These lifestyle and related factors can affect the expression of genes."

Indeed, the disease has been called "the geneticist's nightmare."

In June, at the annual meeting of the American Diabetes Association, Goldfine and UCSF researcher Betty Maddux reported that introducing antibodies to PC-1 in cell cultures — in effect "turning off" PC-1 — increased insulin's effectiveness. They also demonstrated precisely where PC-1 interferes with cells' insulin receptors, which are essential for normal insulin function.

These results and those reported this month contribute to the conclusion that PC-1 is not just associated with insulin resistance, but plays a role — perhaps the key role — in causing the condition.

The findings help convince Goldfine that PC-1 interacts with insulin receptors at the cell's surface and prevents these receptors from being activated normally. "The insulin key goes into the receptor lock, but PC-1 seems to keep the lock from turning," he suggests.

research roundup

Unprotected anal sex increasing in SF

The number of gay men having unprotected anal sex is increasing dramatically, UCSF researchers report.

A study of more than 500 young gay men in San Francisco revealed that the prevalence of unprotected anal sex rose by a third to a half in just four years. Furthermore, about half of the men having unprotected anal sex had partners of unknown or different HIV status, according to a study published in the current issue of the journal AIDS.

"Occasional high-risk sex has now become pervasive among gay men in San Francisco," says Maria Ekstrand, research psychologist, UCSF Center for AIDS Prevention Studies at San Francisco General Hospital Medical Center and lead author of the study. "It is apparent that many gay men find it difficult to maintain safe sex practices over the long haul. Prevention efforts must address this problem."

Sixty-eight percent reported having unprotected anal sex during at least one of the four years studied.

The researchers speculate that a need for sexual expression combined with the effectiveness of protease inhibitors may have created a popular perception of AIDS as a manageable chronic disease rather than a deadly epidemic.

"Gay men might think it's not that bad to become infected with HIV these days, but in spite of treatment advances, it's still a big deal," says Ekstrand. "Many of these young men have a lot to lose by getting infected."

New combination therapy treatments don't work for everyone, and for some men, they result in terrible side effects, she says. The emergence and spread of resistant strains of HIV is also a danger.

REBECCA SLADEK NOWLIS

Virus may increase infectious diseases in vulnerable

A virus found primarily in injection drug users and a small number of Native Americans may increase the incidence of infectious diseases, according to a multi-center study headed by UCSF.

Researchers report that people infected with human T-lymphotropic virus type II (HTLV-II) have a greater risk of acquiring bronchitis, bladder and kidney infections, oral herpes, and pneumonia in a study published in the July 12 issue of the Archives of Internal Medicine.

HTLV-II is a retrovirus that infects white blood cells. It is closely related to HTLV-I, a retrovirus responsible for causing leukemia and a progressive spinal cord disorder called myelopathy. Whereas HTLV-I is found primarily in Japan, Africa, and the Caribbean, HTLV-II occurs primarily in Amerindian tribes in South and Central America where incidence rates can reach 30 percent.

In the US, about 200,000 people are infected with HTLV-II. Injection drug users account for the vast majority of cases; roughly 10 to 20 percent of users have the virus. About one to two percent of Native Americans are also infected.

"HTLV-II has been epidemic among injection drug users in the United States for over 20 years," says Edward Murphy, associate professor of laboratory medicine, medicine, and epidemiology/biostatistics. "Our study is the first step towards understanding the consequences of its infection."

Study participants were recruited between November, 1990 and February 1993 from five major blood donation centers across the US and six smaller blood banks in San Francisco and Los Angeles. "Although 95 percent of the people infected with HTLV-II won't get a major disease, our study shows that it does interfere with their lifestyle," says Murphy. "People have to live with the knowledge of having this lifelong virus."

The researchers speculate that their present work on the biological mechanisms of HTLV could lead to a better understanding of the AIDS virus. "Understanding how HTLV works will fill out the knowledge of human retroviruses," says Murphy. "A vaccine for HTLV may be easier to develop than a vaccine for HIV."

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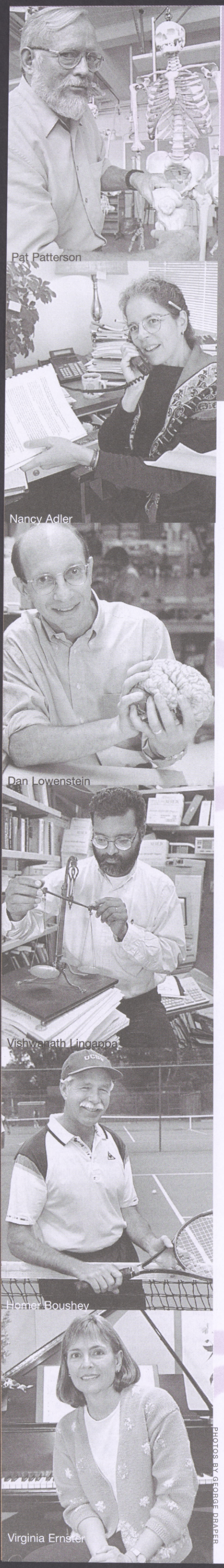

UCSF offers its inaugural Mini Medical School this fall

BY LINDA THOMAS

The campus community is invited to attend UCSF's first-ever Mini Medical School, a series of evening classes to be taught by a dozen of the University's best faculty members beginning in October.

Experts from UCSF's schools of dentistry, medicine, nursing, and pharmacy – those who are on the front lines of health sciences research and are rated outstanding by their students – will explain how scientific and medical advances affect human health.

"These are no ordinary teachers," says Shelley Chu, a fourth-year medical student at UCSF. "They speak in plain English, focus on core concepts and use stories, dramatization and humor to get their points across. They would be my top candidates for a Who's Who of Great Science Communicators."

Chu is among the UCSF students who are volunteering their time serving as teaching assistants for the course. Others will attend the lectures to answer questions during breaks.

The series, to run on six consecutive Wednesday evenings from Oct. 6 through Nov. 10, is open to anyone interested in learning more about the concepts and processes of human health and biology. Attendees will be encouraged to ask questions, but will not be required to do homework, write papers or take exams.

UCSF is offering the Mini Medical School – a form of adult education that has received phenomenal participation around the country – in response to a growing public desire to better understand today's health care news.

"Information will be presented in a way that links theory, research, and real life," says Nancy Adler, UCSF professor of medical psychology and director of the UCSF Center for Health and Community.

Adler will teach "The Effect of Stress on Human Health," which she says will describe how "what happens to us, and our psychological response to it, gets into our bodies and affects our physical health." She will cite studies demonstrating the remarkable effects that mind and emotions can have on individuals' health and new techniques that can be learned and used successfully to help manage stress.

Other experts who will teach at the Bay Area's first Mini Medical School include:

- UCSF Chancellor Mike Bishop, recipient of the Nobel Prize for the co-discovery of normal genes that can be converted to cancer genes, will discuss "Opening the Black Box of Cancer." His discovery transformed the way scientists look at cancer and has led to new strategies for its detection and treatment.
- Professor of pharmaceutical chemistry and associate dean of the School of Pharmacy Peter Kollman, a recipient of the UCSF Academic Senate's Distinction in Teaching award, will describe "Drug Design in the Genomics Era."
- Professor Warren Levinson, author of the best-selling microbiology textbook in the country, will discuss several newly recognized infectious diseases in his class, "Emerging Viruses: View from the 'Hot Zone.'" He also was recognized by the 1999 graduating medical school class for teaching excellence.

Still other classes will take students behind the scenes of ulcer disease, asthma and heart disease, and through the data from population studies concerning smoking and lung cancer. (For the full class schedule, see page 5.)

Neurology professor and course director Daniel Lowenstein, a recipient of numerous teaching honors from UCSF students and from national organizations, says teaching is a labor of love. It is "a passion for learning, love of neuroscience, caring that my students learn, and helping them carefully build upon what they already know to reach new understandings." In his class, Lowenstein will describe "The Ever-Changing Brain: Its Form, Function and Quest for Knowledge."

Renowned pain researcher Allan Basbaum, named by his students a 1999 outstanding lecturer, blends art, poetry, humor and student-teacher interaction to make his classes lively. In his class – "What Causes Pain and How Can We Make It Go Away?"– Basbaum will present evidence that persistent, intense pain is not a symptom but is itself a disease that produces long-term changes in the brain. As a result of these changes, non-painful stimuli become painful. He also will discuss the unique subjectivity of the pain experience, which often leads to its undertreatment.

The Mini Medical School concept was pioneered at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in Denver in 1990. Since then, health sciences courses have been offered in similar forms across the country, drawing classes of up to 600 people, with waiting lists of up to 1,300.

Space is limited at UCSF's Mini Medical School – so registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Two topics will be presented at each class meeting, with a question-and-answer session following each lecture. Those who attend all six sessions will receive an honorary diploma.

Classes, coordinated by the public affairs department, will be held in Cole Hall, from 7 to 9 p.m. A $40 fee for the entire series is payable when registering. To register by mail, follow the directions on the adjacent registration form. For directions, registration and parking information, call 476-2557.

medical school

UCSF *mini medical school*

schedule of classes

OCTOBER 6

7–8 p.m.
The Musculoskeletal System
"How We Use Anatomy To Diagnose an Injured Joint or a Pinched Nerve"
Hugh "Pat" Patterson, PhD
Adjunct Professor of Anatomy

8–9 p.m.
The Brain
"The Ever-Changing Brain: Its Form, Function and Quest for Knowledge"
Daniel H. Lowenstein, MD
Professor of Neurology

OCTOBER 13

7-8 p.m.
Stress and Health
"The Effect of Stress on Human Health"
Nancy E. Adler, PhD
Professor and Vice Chair of Psychiatry
Director, Center for Health and Community

8–9 p.m.
Pain
"Where Does Pain Come From and How Can We Make it Go Away?"
Allan I. Basbaum, PhD
Professor and Chair of Anatomy
Professor of Physiology
Member, W.M. Keck Foundation Center for Integrative Neuroscience

OCTOBER 20

7–8 p.m.
The Gastrointestinal System
"The GI Tract: From Indigestion to Ulcers"
Kenneth R. McQuaid, MD
Associate Professor of Clinical Gastroenterology

8–9 p.m.
Therapeutic Uses of Drugs
"The Use of Computers to Help Design Better Pharmaceuticals"
Peter A. Kollman, PhD
Professor of Pharmaceutical Chemistry and Associate Dean
School of Pharmacy

OCTOBER 27

7–8 p.m.
Cancer
"Opening the Black Box of Cancer"
J. Michael Bishop, MD
UCSF Chancellor, Nobel laureate, and cancer researcher

8–9 p.m.
Epidemiology
"What We Have Learned from Population Studies About Lung and Breast Cancers"
Virginia L. Ernster, PhD
Professor and Vice Chair of Epidemiology and Biostatistics
Associate Director for Epidemiology, Prevention and Control, UCSF Cancer Center

NOVEMBER 3

7–8 p.m.
The Respiratory System
"How We Breathe and the Breathlessness of Asthma"
Homer A. Boushey, Jr., MD
Professor of Medicine and Chief, Division of Allergy and Immunology
Director, UCSF Asthma Clinical Research Center

8–9 p.m.
The Endocrine System
"Command and Control of Body Function in Health and Disease"
Vishwanath Lingappa, MD, PhD
Professor of Physiology and Medicine

NOVEMBER 10

7–8 p.m.
Infectious Disease
"Emerging Viruses: Killers from the 'Hot Zone'"
Warren E. Levinson, MD, PhD
Professor of Microbiology and Immunology

8–9 p.m.
The Heart
"Affairs of the Heart: An Owner's Manual for the Tin Man"
Dan J. Lerner, MD
Research Fellow, Cardiovascular Research Institute

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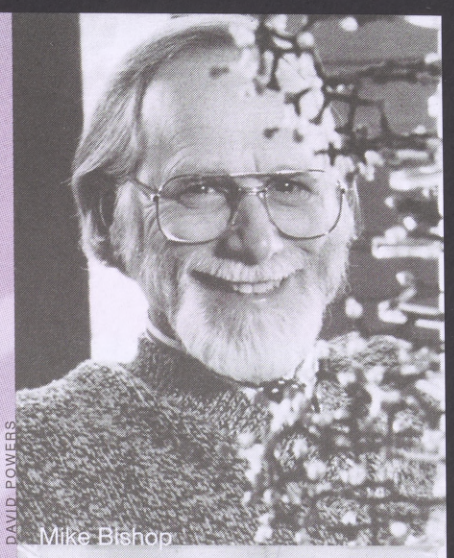
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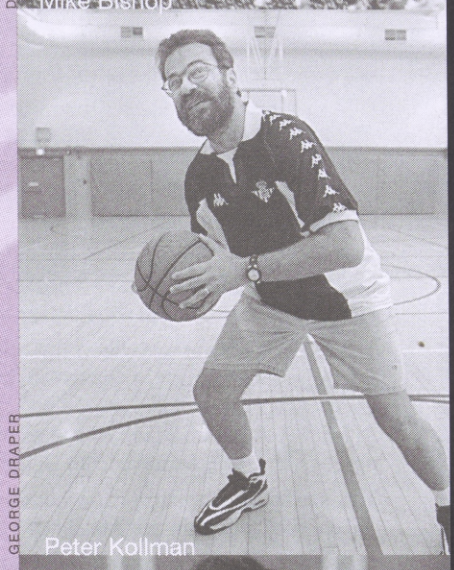
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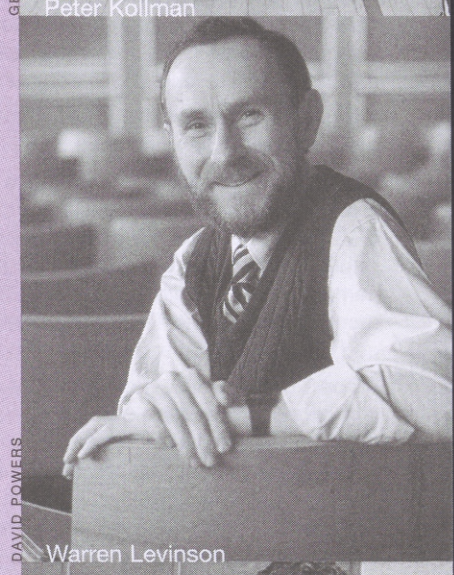
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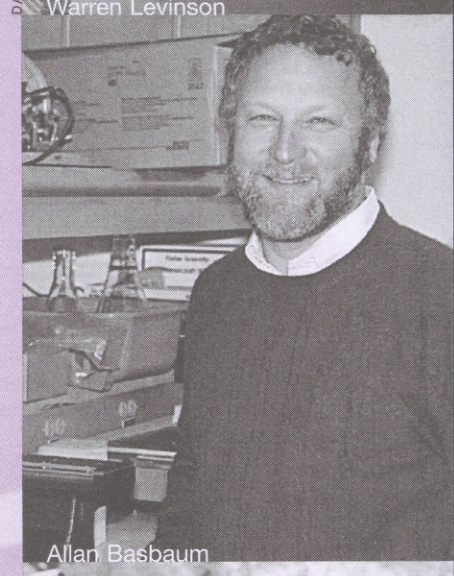
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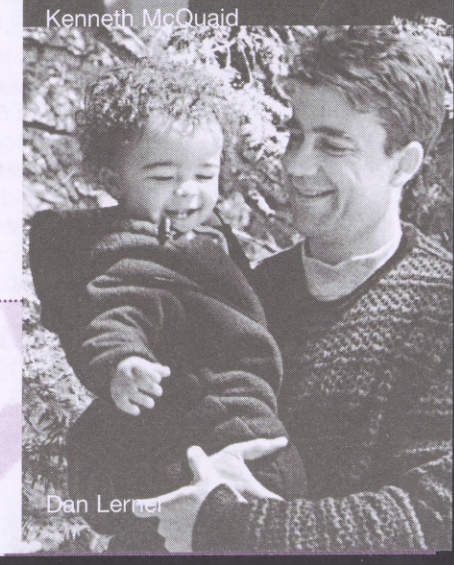
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Rise in thefts prompts police reminder to protect property

To stem a recent rash of on-campus thefts, UCSF Police remind faculty, staff and students not to let down their guard when protecting personal and University property.

UCSF is on pace this year to more than double from last year the number of campus computer thefts alone, says Sgt. Lorin Stracke.

During the first seven months of this year, UCSF reported 299 thefts of items with a total value of $463,426. "Of the 299 thefts, 48 were computers. In all of 1998 a total of 30 computers were reported stolen," Stracke says. "Earlier this year, computers, especially laptops, were being stolen at an alarming rate."

And, as Stracke explains, the costs to the University are not just the monetary value of the stolen equipment, but the difficult-to-estimate losses associated with time, labor and intellectual property.

Thefts have historically been the number-one crime occurring at UCSF, although the number of these incidents fluctuates, as does the dollar value attached. In 1988, some 658 items were stolen valued at $174,538. A decade later, there were 489 reported thefts valued at nearly $700,000, according to UCSF police reports.

The thefts are brazen — often occurring in the middle of the workday — when employees are away from their desks.

"The facts are fewer people are in offices and thefts are on the rise in unattended areas. We're not just talking about umbrellas, wallets and purses. We're talking about computers, fax machines and the like."

What's worse is that these items are seldom recovered and returned to their rightful owners, Stracke says.

Most losses occur at the Parnassus Heights campus due to its sheer size and volume of people who come and go through the buildings. UCSF is an open campus that allows unhindered access to many public areas. Given a limited police patrol team and the multiple UCSF campus sites, it is virtually impossible for police to scour every department or office. Therefore, the potential for workplace violence, research and property thefts and other campus crime is a real cause of concern.

As part of its efforts, the police department's Crime Prevention Section is responsible for developing and coordinating a variety of activities to meet the safety needs of the entire campus community. The unit regularly provides presentations and special workshops on all aspects of personal safety, violence prevention, rape/assault prevention and other law enforcement topics for departments upon request and at new employee and student orientations.

UCSF also is taking extra security measures, including implementing special electronic identification requirements to prevent unwanted individuals from gaining access to offices and laboratories not open to the public. Laurel Heights last month became the first UCSF facility to begin using new ID cards. Called "prox ID," for proximity, these cards do not need to be inserted into the card readers but only be waved near them to gain entrance. Card readers are located at many — but not all — perimeter entry/exit doors of the Laurel Heights building. Visitors must use the main California Street entrance.

The purpose of the access control system is to provide a safer environment for the building's occupants, which now number 1,200, in addition to a daycare center with infants and children, conference center and auditorium where the UC Board of Regents meet regularly.

"The card has a number of advantages," Stracke explains. "People who are placed on administrative leave or who are laid off will not be able to gain access to the building."

The system can be programmed to electronically shut off access to those people.

Facilities Management is in the process of implementing similar security systems at other UCSF sites, such as the Mount Zion Cancer Research Building, the Koret Vision Research Laboratory, the dentistry building and other Parnassus campus locations. Access control is also being proposed at the Mission Center Building and for all future buildings at the Mission Bay campus.

All site-specific access systems are controlled by a central server but are capable of standing alone if the main computer network goes down.

Tips on protecting property:

- Lock all computers and related equipment down, whether it is with a cable lock or other locking device.
- Conduct regular inventories of equipment. This should include the description, make, model and serial number of the item.
- Report thefts of all property immediately to the UCSF police, the primary agency for handling and investigating all crimes that occur on University property. The stolen item's identification numbers (if available) will be entered into the National Crime Information Center's (NCIC) and Stolen Property System's (SPS) databases.
- Report suspicious persons and/or activity to the UCSF police immediately at 9-911 for emergencies or 6-1414 for all other incidents.
- Don't leave your office or property unattended or unsecure for any period of time. It may be inconvenient to do so, but not anywhere near as frustrating as being the victim of a theft.

LISA CISNEROS

Reward offered for information on murder of UCSF scientist

A $10,000 reward is being offered by friends and family of a gifted young scientist at UCSF shot and killed by a stray bullet in the early morning hours on Aug. 27.

Robert Sadler, 35, a postdoctoral researcher in virology, was killed by bullets fired from the street into a San Francisco bar on Judah Street near 29th Avenue in the Sunset District, where he and friends were seated.

The $10,000 reward is for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for Sadler's death. Those with information should contact the San Francisco Police Department.

Sadler, who worked as a research technician in parasitology in San Francisco and Palo Alto before deciding to earn his doctorate degree, received a PhD in microbiology from the University of North Carolina in 1995. He then was accepted to a coveted postdoctoral post funded by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute in the lab of prominent UCSF virologist Donald Ganem, professor and vice chair of microbiology and immunology.

"Rob was doing important and very exciting work on viral genes that are expressed in Kaposi's sarcoma (KS), the leading tumor of AIDS patients," Ganem says. "His results changed the way we were thinking about one of the major genes expressed by the virus that causes KS."

Sadler was born in New Jersey. His father worked for Exxon, and the family moved several times while Sadler was in high school. He was a student in England and Italy before graduating in New York. He attended Bucknell College in Pennsylvania.

campus notes

Triad seeks teachers

The Science & Health Education Partnership of UCSF (SEP) is embarking on the second year of the Triad Alliance for Gender Equitable Teaching, an NSF-funded program to encourage women and girls in science, math, and engineering. The program is looking for female and male scientists including graduate students, postdocs and SRAs from UCSF to work with San Francisco Unified School District middle school students and teachers to promote gender equity in science education.

This is an opportunity to gain teaching skills, have fun, learn science and get out in the community.

The project commitment will be about 20 hours per month for an academic year, starting in October. Participation will involve a partnership with another scientist and one to two teachers, sponsoring a female-friendly, school-based science club, attending orientation workshops, a midwinter retreat for teachers and scientists, planning sessions for the club, and attending workshops throughout the year. All scientist participants will receive a $1,000 stipend.

For more information about Triad or SEP, please contact Patricia Caldera at 502-6690 or pcaldera@cgl.ucsf.edu. SEP sponsors a variety of elementary, middle, and high school programs in partnership with the SFUSD that can be tailored to suit your interest and availability.

Auxiliary hosts wine-tasting tour

The Hospitals Auxiliary of the UCSF Medical Center will sponsor a special charitable benefit, "Celebrating the Crush — Harvest Tour," at the Pezzi King Vineyards, 3225 Dry Creek Road in Healdsburg, on Saturday, Oct. 9, 1:30 p.m.

This is an opportunity to get an exclusive tour of the private estate and winery during their annual crushing of the grapes. Tours will include exhibition and education of the wine making process, wine tasting, poolside dinner accompanied by unique wines, and a wine auction. Entertainment will include a vintage car exhibition and music. Reservations, limited to 150 people, are $150 per person.

Reservation deadline is Friday, Sept. 24. RSVP by calling 476-4906.

The event also celebrates the end of the millennium, which culminates more than 40 years of fund raising by Auxiliary in providing funding for patient and family amenities — such as the recently developed Comfort Care Suite for terminally ill patients.

UC health sciences compliance program proposal under review

The University of California proposes to implement a Corporate Compliance Program for the University's health sciences clinical enterprise.

The purpose of the program is to demonstrate the University's commitment to ethical and legal behavior and to clearly communicate the specific standards of conduct that address those potential areas of risk that have been identified by the Federal government.

The program will apply to management personnel, physicians, health professions faculty and students, and other health care professionals and staff involved in clinical services, including patient care and billing services at the medical schools and University-owned or leased hospital facilities.

The proposed program conforms to the Office of the Inspector General's (OIG)

guidelines governing compliance programs for the health care industry. Important elements of the program include:

- a code of conduct, including standards of ethical conduct;
- educational and training programs; and
- processes for faculty and staff to raise questions and concerns, including a toll-free hotline telephone number to anonymously report suspected violations of compliance issues.

This proposed compliance manual has been developed to provide guidance in the development of UCSF's local compliance program. The code of conduct contained in this manual will be incorporated into UCSF's Compliance Program. When UCSF's proposed program is finalized, the campus will be notified and given an opportunity to provide input. This proposed manual can be found online at www/ucop.edu/acadadv/acadpers/apm/rev-corp.html.

Send comments to Diane Dillon, Academic Personnel, at Box 0400 or via email to dillond@itsa.ucsf.edu by Friday, Oct. 1.

Medical students gain new perspective into patient care

BY PATTI MEAGHER

A tiny patient's mother looks on as student Robin Perry works with Don Fields to learn how to perform a pediatric abdominal exam as part of UCSF-Fresno's course in medical Spanish and clinical skills.

"Por favor puede sacar su lengua?" This simple question was an important start for one first-year medical student who hopes to communicate directly with the large number of Spanish-speaking patients she expects to encounter practicing medicine in California.

Medical Spanish and Clinical Skills, a joint program of UCSF, UCSF-Fresno, and the Latino Center for Medical Education and Research, wrapped up its first session this summer, meriting enthusiastic reviews from organizers and students alike. The course combined a formal Spanish didactic with clinical training in a Spanish-speaking setting.

"I may not be able to carry on a complicated conversation," says UCSF medical student Robin Perry, "but at least I know how to say, 'Stick out your tongue' in Spanish." Perry was one of eight first-year medical students who participated, earning six units and a new perspective on their medical education.

Describing her experience as "phenomenal," Perry says she was motivated to take the class after working at a Bay Area hospital that had only two Spanish-speaking staff. There she witnessed the poor communication that results when there aren't enough foreign language skills to go around. "You definitely lose something of the doctor-patient relationship if you have to rely on an interpreter," Perry says.

Course organizers say one of their goals was to introduce medical students to the San Joaquin Valley and attract prospective physicians to practice in the area, which has a high Hispanic population. The program was designed to sensitize medical students to different cultural models and, ultimately, increase the number of Spanish-speaking physicians.

The most recent US Census Bureau statistics place the Hispanic population of Fresno County at 41 percent, compared to 16 percent in San Francisco County and 30 percent statewide. Census figures for 1990 also show that Spanish is by far the most common non-English language spoken throughout the nation, with 17.3 million people speaking Spanish at home. (French, the second most common language, follows far behind with just under 2 million.)

"I am very proud of this program because I know our Latino patients will benefit in addition to our students," says Adriana Padilla, assistant clinical professor of family and community medicine and director of Undergraduate Medical Education. Conceived by Michael Drake, senior associate dean for Admissions and External Programs, the program received input and support from new Fresno Associate Dean Deborah Stewart, vice dean for education David Irby, Community Hospitals of Central California, and San Joaquin Valley community clinics.

A typical day in the program began with four classroom hours of medical Spanish conversation, followed by clinical skills in pulmonary, cardiovascular, abdominal and genitourinary systems. Clinical training included normal and selected abnormal adults and children. Students spent Wednesdays reinforcing their language skills with preceptors and real patients in clinics serving Spanish-speaking populations.

"The best teachers were the ones who didn't tell us what the problem was before we did the exam," Perry says. She particularly appreciated the chance to perform an entire pelvic exam on Spanish-speaking patient educators, an experience usually reserved for second-year training. She also was able to listen to heart murmurs and lung sounds, see abdominal hernias, and examine a patient with classic findings of hepatitis and cirrhosis.

The class was not without its logistical problems, however. The students who enrolled had different Spanish-speaking abilities coming into the class, Padilla says, which necessitated hiring an additional language tutor and splitting the group into two levels. Another challenge — the difficulty of providing clinical skills training in Spanish — was mitigated by taking certain cases back to the classroom and reenacting them with help from the Spanish instructor.

"In addition to the Spanish, the hands-on experience will definitely give me an edge when we get on the wards during third year," Perry says. Contingent on funding, Padilla hopes to offer the class again next year, making refinements based on what was learned this year.

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their current configurations as possible," Goldman told legislators. "But it doesn't take a computer to add up the numbers we've been presented by the hospital financial people, the Hunter Group, and even the state auditor. . .. It appears that our hospitals in San Francisco will need to be restructured substantially unless we receive significant outside support."

Said Bishop, "Academic health centers have routinely provided diverse and crucial social services without adequate compensation for those services. In the past, we have dealt with this shortfall by generating budget surpluses in the profitable parts of our institutions. Those days are over. Someone else must now pay."

Audit highlights

Despite the current financial difficulties, the state audit report released last week indicated that UCSF Stanford "may generate $140 million in profits in the next two years if portions of the $270 million in revenue enhancements and costs savings" are achieved.

UCSF Stanford is in the midst of cutting $170 million, including eliminating 2,000 jobs, and must find another $100 million in savings or additional revenues to return to profitability by August 2001. Cost reductions will be necessary regardless of whether the medical centers remain together or separate, the report states.

In contrast, the report projected a collective loss of up to $93 million if the hospitals had remained independent.

UCSF and UCSF Stanford officials, who generally agreed with the audit conclusions, were heartened that the auditor cited potential benefits of the merger if given time and flexibility to succeed.

"The auditor's conclusion that UCSF Stanford Health Care may realize $140 million of financial benefits from the merger in the next two years is testimony to the merger's promise," said Isaac Stein and Howard Leach, chair and vice chair, respectively, of UCSF Stanford's board of directors in a joint statement. "At the same time, the loss projected absent the merger demonstrates that the underlying health care environment in which we operate has deteriorated markedly due to further reductions in government support, a highly competitive market for private health insurance and rapidly rising costs for new drugs, medical technologies and skilled staff. This confirms the original reasons for the merger."

While the 80-page state audit outlines the external health care financing challenges facing UCSF Stanford and other academic medical centers nationally, it also identifies internal problems of the merger.

"One of the greatest disappointments of the merger may be [its] failure to achieve the level of integration and cooperation between the two medical schools anticipated at the outset," the audit states. "Without such integration, the likelihood of achieving the long-term academic and financial benefits of the merger is greatly reduced."

And, as such, the future of UCSF Stanford remains unknown, it stated.

Goldman told the legislators that many of UCSF's faculty members have tried to make the hospital merger work. "Children's Services, which represent about one-third of our clinical programs, have been increasingly well-coordinated between UCSF and Stanford. Other collaborative efforts between the schools of medicine were moving forward, for example, in adult cardiac services and in 17 other joint projects, until they ceased or even regressed when the hospital's acute financial bleeding diverted its attention."

The state audit also reported:

- Deteriorating reimbursement rates, insufficient cost savings, sharply rising costs, and more than double expected merger costs — $79 million instead of the anticipated $36 million — significantly contributed to UCSF Stanford's financial woes.
- Beyond the cost reductions and opportunities currently being considered or implemented, UCSF Stanford "will have to develop a business plan that should include specific strategies to pool resources and develop additional programs to enhance revenues and cut costs without compromising medical care and education."
- UCSF Stanford spent 23 percent more on charitable activities than UCSF and Stanford combined before the merger.

The audit also acknowledges UCSF Stanford's commitment to patient access to health care, quality of health care and support of community programs. UCSF Stanford spends more than 7 percent of its revenue ($110 million annually) on charity care and other community benefits, compared to an average of 1.3 percent at other California hospitals.

"Based on several indicators, patients in the Bay Area appear to have more access to care since the merger," the report states. "Furthermore, a survey of 25,000 patients and referring physicians conducted by the hospitals indicates that patient satisfaction with the quality of care appears just as high as it was before the merger. In concert with its emphasis on access and quality of care, [UCSF Stanford] continues to furnish services to the low-income and vulnerable populations in the community."

The report cautioned however, that "to the extent that [UCSF Stanford] cannot turn around its medical and financial outlook, patient access to quality care, as well as continued community benefits, may be affected in the future."

The auditor's report concludes that the merger led to a loss that's greater than the loss that would have been incurred if the hospitals had operated separately during the first two years — $27 million separately, versus $46 million merged. Under the auditor's calculations, the merger resulted in an additional $19 million loss.

However, the report includes in its analysis the merger-related expense of $17 million a year of new pension costs due to the move of UCSF hospital staff out of the University of California's fully funded pension plan. If that expense were not included, the merger would have performed better in the first 22 months than the hospitals separately, according to the auditor's estimates.

The report, which includes a UCSF Stanford response to the audit, is available on the web at www.bsa.ca.gov/bsa/summaries/99128sum.html.

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11 saturday

INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE: The UCSF/Stanford International Medical Services, in collaboration with Singapore General Hospital, present "The Sixth Annual Joint Update: Nasopharyngeal and Hepatocellular Carcinoma in the Asian Population," 8 am.-1 p.m., Laurel Heights. Faculty from UCSF and Stanford join visiting lecturers from Singapore to discuss the latest research in clinical advances in detection and treatment. For more information, call the Office of Continuing Medical Education at 476-5808.

LOW VISION FORUM: Namita Jacob, San Francisco State University, presents "Low Vision Forum," 11 a.m.-1 p.m., ACC Main Lobby. Hear a discussion about services for the visually impaired as they are provided in India, especially in the rural areas. Hear about differences between American and Indian services for people with special needs. Free. Call 626-5313.

13 monday

WEEK OF CARING: The UCSF Week of Caring starts today and runs through Sept. 18 as employees lend a helping hand serving the community. For more information, call Katherine Austin at 502-5984.

WINDOWS 95: Facilities Management offers a class on "Introduction to Windows 95," 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. This is essentially an overview of the basics. Cost: $135. For more information, call 597-9247, fax 875-1808 or email: fmtraining.fm.ucsf.edu.

WINDOWS NT: Facilities Management offers a class on "Introduction to Windows NT 4.0," 1-4:30 p.m. This course will introduce students to basic concepts of personal computers and the Windows NT interface.Cost: $135. For more information, call 597-9247, fax 875-1808 or email: fmtraining.fm.ucsf.edu.

ALEXANDER TECHNIQUE: Millberry Programs & Services offers classes on the "Alexander Technique," 5-5:55 p.m., Millberry Union Fitness Center. Discover how to use your body with less tension and more efficiency. Classes are held Mondays through Sept. 20. For more information, call 476-1115.

BETTER VISION NOW: David Hwang, associate professor of clinical ophthalmology and co-director, cornea & refractive surgery service, presents new surgery options for vision correction, 6 p.m., Beckman Vision Center. Free. Call 476-5021.

14 tuesday

HEALING THROUGH DANCE: Anne Krantz, licensed clinical psychologist and dance/movement therapist, presents "Healing Through Dance for Cancer Patients & Survivors," Tuesdays, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Mount Zion Cardiac Care Gym, first floor, Rm. C 101. Sponsored by the Ida & Joseph Friend Cancer Resource Center. To register, call 885-3693.

FOR GIRLS ONLY: Crista Santangelo, group coordinator, child & adolescent department of psychiatry, Langley Porter Psychiatric Institute, presents "Self-Esteem Building," 5:30-6:30 p.m., LPPI. Focus is on self-esteem building, peer relationships, body image issues, negotiating transitions, education around social pressures, and fostering independence. Meets Tuesdays. Fee: $30/session. For more information, call 476-7227.

CAG MEETING: The Community Advisory Group meets 6:30-9 p.m., Laurel Heights, Chancellor's Conference Room. Open to the public. Sponsored by Community & Governmental Relations. For more information, call 476-3206.

15 wednesday

SURGERY GRAND ROUNDS: Stanley P.L. Leong, professor, surgery, Eugene Morita, nuclear medicine, and Patrick Treseler, pathology, present "Selective Sentinel Lymph Node Dissection for Melanoma and Breast Cancer," 7-8 a.m., Toland Hall. Sponsored by the department of surgery. For more information, call Eleanor Leveau at 476-0972.

BROWN BAG LECTURE: John Roberts, professor, surgery and chief of transplant services, presents "Ethical Issues in Transplantation," 12:10 p.m., enter at 513 Parnassus, then go to HSW 300. As the field of transplantation continues its rapid expansion, many unique ethical issues have begun to unfold. Sponsored by Public Service Programs. Call 476-4394.

16 thursday

REGENTS MEET AT LAUREL HEIGHTS

STUDENT ORIENTATION: 11 a.m.—2 p.m., Get information about UCSF's organizations and enjoy entertainment. Millberry Union gym, Parnassus.

TOUR MISSION BAY: Public Service Programs offers monthly tours of Mission Bay, noon, every third Thursday. Tours begin and end at the UCSF library. Tour participants will view the area where UCSF will break ground in October for the first research building at the 43-acre campus and will stop at the Catellus Mission Bay Visitor's Center, located at 255 Channel St., to see plans for the revitalization of the entire 303-acre neighborhood. Interested participants must call 476-4394 at least a week in advance to reserve a spot. Tours of UCSF's main campus on Parnassus Ave. are also available upon request and with a reservation.

MEDICAL GRAND ROUNDS: Talmadge E. King Jr., professor and vice chairman of medicine, UCSF and chief, medical service, SFGHMC, presents "Sarcoidosis," noon-1 p.m., N 225, Parnassus. Sponsored by the department of medicine.

ADOLESCENT GROUP: Crista Santangelo, group coordinator, child & adolescent department of psychiatry, Langley Porter Psychiatric Institute, presents an "Adolescent Group for Male & Female High School Students," 5-6:30 p.m., LPPI. Focus is on depression, peer relationship difficulties, family conflict, shyness and social anxiety. This group uses a cognitive-behavioral approach with creativity as a means to enhance self-esteem and self-understanding. Meets Thursdays. Fee: $30/session. For more information, call 476-7227.

MACY'S PASSPORT FASHION SHOW: American Express presents "Macy's Passport Gala Opening Night," 6:30 p.m. hors d'oeuvres and cocktail reception; 8:30 p.m. fashion show, Fort. Mason Center, San Francisco, hosted by Elizabeth Taylor, Earvin "Magic" Johnson and Cindy Crawford. This fashion show benefits AIDS research efforts at UCSF, and elsewhere. Cost: $75. For tickets to this event, call 1-877-ETM-4MACYS or buy online at etm.com.

17 friday

REGENTS MEET AT LAUREL HEIGHTS

MACY'S PASSPORT FASHION SHOW: American Express presents "The American Express Cardmember Evening," 7 p.m. hors d'oeuvres and cocktail reception, 8:30 p.m. celebrity auction, benefiting the Magic Johnson Foundation, hosted by Earvin "Magic" Johnson. Cost: $60. For tickets to this event, call 1-877-ETM-4MACYS or buy online at etm.com.

20 monday

ALEXANDER TECHNIQUE: See Sept. 13 listing.

PARENTING CLASS: The Langley Porter Psychiatric Institute presents "Sanity, Parenting, and Adolescents," 8 consecutive Mondays, 6-7:30 p.m., LPPI. This series focuses on helping parents survive and thrive during their children's shift into adolescence. Class topics will be understanding the world of the adolescent, communication, fostering emotional competence, and more. Cost is $200 per family for the entire series; children do not participate in these classes. Pre-enrollment is required. Contact Jane Stecher at 476-7261.

BETTER VISION NOW: John A. Stanley, cornea & refractive surgery service, presents "Better Vision Now," 6 p.m., 8 Kirkham St. See Sept. 13 listing for more details.

21 tuesday

HEALING THROUGH DANCE: See Sept. 14 listing for details.

ABOG MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: The Academic Business Officers Group (ABOG) hosts the "Benefits of Belonging," noon-1:30 p.m., Lange Reading Room, fifth floor, Library. This meeting is intended for new members, potential members and current members who are not yet involved. Learn about the benefits of membership, upcoming activities and resources. Membership is open to all UCSF career employees classified at the AAIII level and above.

BROWN BAG LECTURE: Wendy Max, associate professor, medical economics, department of social and behavioral sciences and co-director, UCSF Institute for Health and Aging, presents "Tobacconomics 101: Estimating the Cost of Health Effects of Smoking," 12:10 p.m., Mount Zion, 1600 Divisadero, Herbst Hall. This talk will discuss how economists estimate the cost of smoking to society. Sponsored by Public Service Programs. Call 476-4394.

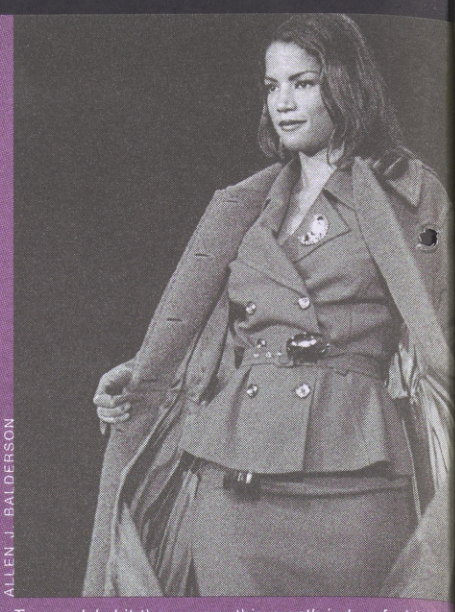
TRAINING PROGRAM: The department of medicine's Clinical Research Office and the UCSF Cancer Center present a "Clinical Research Associate/Data Manager Training Program," Sept. 21-22, Laurel Heights. The program is designed for UCSF employees who are working as clinical research associates (CRAs) or data managers, and those who are interested in entering the field of clinical data management for clinical trials. The goal of this program is to ensure that participants are able to locate, assemble, and record accurate and complete patient information for clinical trials, resulting in the highest quality data for statistical analysis of trial outcomes. Free to UCSF/Stanford employees; $150 for non-UCSF/Stanford employees. For more information, contact Susan Scolnick at 502-0873 or email scolnick@cc.ucsf.edu.

22 wednesday

SURGERY GRAND ROUNDS: Thomas K. Hunt, professor, surgery and Harriet Hopf, dept. of anesthesia, present "Angiogenesis and the Power of Perfusion," 7-8 a.m., Toland Hall. Sponsored by the department of surgery. For more information, call Eleanor Leveau at 476-0972.

BLOOD DRIVE: Donate blood, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m., S 118 (Chancellor's Conference Rm.), Parnassus. Tasty refreshments and great raffle prizes. Call 476-6989.

BROWN BAG LECTURE: Howard Pinderhughes, assistant professor, department of social & behavioral sciences, School of Nursing, presents "Adolescent Violence: Why We Don't Have a Clue," 12:10 p.m., enter at 513 Parnassus, then go to HSW 300. Listen to an examination of the causes of youth violence that challenges some fundamental assumptions. Sponsored by Public Service Programs. Call 476-4394.



ALLEN J. BALDERSON

Top models hit the runway this month in two fashion shows to benefit organizations devoted to fighting the AIDS epidemic. See Sept. 16 and 17 listings for more details.

LECTURE: Chuck J. Sherr, chairman, tumor cell biology, St. Jude's Research Hospital, Memphis and Howard Hughes Medical Institute, presents the "Sokolow Visiting Scientists Lecture: The ARF-p53 Pathway," 4-5:30 p.m., Cole Hall. Sponsored by the UCSF Cancer Center and the Cancer Research Institute.

PARENTING CLASS: The Langley Porter Psychiatric Institute presents "Help for Parents of Challenging Kids," 8 consecutive Wednesdays, 6-7:30 p.m., LPPI. This series focuses on developing strategies for coping with children's difficult behavior, limit setting, and promoting positive behaviors. Cost is $200 per family for the entire series; children do not participate in these classes. Pre-enrollment is required. Contact Emily De La Rosa at 476-7465.

23 thursday

MEDICAL GRAND ROUNDS: Sokolow Visiting Scientist Charles J. Sherr, Howard Hughes Medical Institute, dept. of tumor cell biology, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee, presents "Cancer Cell Cycles," noon-1 p.m., N 225, Parnassus. Sponsored by the Department of Medicine.

25 saturday

MENOPAUSE SYMPOSIUM: UCSF Women's Health hosts an all-day educational symposium designed for women in the community called "Embracing Menopause: Traditional and Alternative Approaches," 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Parnassus, N 225. Cost $35. Experts will present the latest information on the physical changes that occur during menopause and discuss different treatments available. For more information, call 476-0668.

PARTNER ABUSE FORUM: UCSF hosts "Intimate Partner Abuse in Primary Care: Identifying and Responding to Violence Against Women," 8:30 a.m. – noon, Parnassus campus. Michael Rodriguez, assistant clinical professor, and Laurie Kalter of the department of family/community medicine, present this half-day workshop designed to help primary care providers recognize, understand and appropriately care for their patients involved in intimate partner abuse. Limited seating. To register, call Laurie Kalter at 206-6885.

TANGO WORKSHOP: Millberry Programs & Services offers a tango class, 5-7 p.m., Millberry Union, Studio 1. This workshop meets only once and it is a perfect way to learn a new dance or review and practice favorites. The instructor is Marge Gabbert, a professional ballroom and Latin dance teacher.Open to all levels. Cost: $12/14/16.